

## Romans 8:18-39

### Lesson Eleven

*“Jesus, Thine all-victorious love - Shed in my soul abroad;  
Then shall my feet no longer rove, - Rooted and fixed in God.  
Oh, that in me the sacred fire - Might now begin to glow,  
Burn up the dross of base desire - And make the mountains flow.  
Refining fire, go through my heart, - Illuminate my soul;  
Scatter Thy life through every part - And sanctify the whole.  
My steadfast soul from falling free - Shall then no longer move,  
And all my heart is love.” Charles Wesley*

1. Read **Romans 8:1-39** and record what Paul has to say about the Godhead in the chart below. This means you will have to re-read the text, one time for each reference. This can seem a little redundant, but it will help you in putting God’s Word in your heart.

God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit

2. Write out **Romans 8:18**:
  - a. Look up **2 Corinthians 4:17** and note the contrast Paul alludes to here?
  
3. According to **1 Peter 1:6** “*we will be grieved by various trials... \_\_\_\_\_*”.
  - a. According to **1 Peter 1:7** what is the result of rejoicing in our trials?
  
4. What is the *glory to be revealed* in us that Paul speaks about in **Romans 8:17-18**?
  - a. According to **Colossians 3:3-4**:
  - b. According to **1 John 3:2**:
  
5. From **Romans 8:19** look up the two phrases describing how we are to wait for His appearing using your study tools and write out the definition.
  - a. **Earnest expectation**:
  - b. **Eagerly waits (waiteth - KJV)**:
  
6. Read **Romans 8:20-22**. Using the chart below, contrast creation past, present and future. The world and all that are in it are degenerating. Only when the Restorer comes will it be the way He created it to be.

Past - Genesis 1:28-31	Present - Jeremiah 12:4 & 11	Future – Revelation 21:1-7

*“For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect his children. For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay-- the things that overcame the world against its will at God's command-- will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God's children enjoy. For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event.”*

*Romans 8:19-22 (TLB)*

## DAY TWO: Romans 8:23-27

1. How does **2 Corinthians 5:2-5** relate to **Romans 8:20-23**?
  
2. Who does **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** say is the firstfruit? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Use your study tools to look up **first fruits** and record the definition here:
  
3. Look up **1 Corinthians 12:13** and record how it relates to the firstfruit?
  
4. What does **Romans 8:23** mean when it says, *eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body*?
  
5. Look up the following verses that speak of this event and record what they say:
  - a. **1 Corinthians 15:51-58:**
  
  - b. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
  
  - c. **I Thessalonians 5:2-9:**
  
  - d. **Revelation 3:10:**

*“The greatest problems in my Christian life have come from the weakness of my flesh. Once I experience that glorious metamorphosis my problems will be over, even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!” Pastor Chuck Smith*

## THIRD DAY: Romans 8:25-27

1. Look up the word **patience** (perseverance) from verse 25, using your study tools. Record the definition of this word:
  - a. What do tribulations produce, according to **Romans 5:3-5**?
  
  - b. According to **Hebrews 10:36**, why do we need perseverance or endurance?
  
  - c. What must we do to run the race with endurance, according to **Hebrews 12:1-2**?
  
  - d. Write out **Philippians 3:13b-14**:

*“And in the same way-- by our faith-- the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.” Romans 8:26-27 (TLB)*

2. What does *“likewise”* in **Romans 8:26** mean?
  
3. Who searches the heart and knows what the mind of the Spirit is according to **Romans 8:27**?
  - a. **Psalm 139:1-7:**
  - b. **1 Corinthians 2:10-11:**
  
4. In order for us to have faith in the ability of God, we need a glimpse of His character. For the remainder of the day, look up the following verses under each heading. This will take some time, but I know that you will find it worthwhile. And **please** don't complete this task in “rote” fashion ~ take your time! After looking up each verse summarize it in your own words.
  - a. **Eternal: “The Alpha & Omega, He has no beginning or end”** – He is outside of the time domain!
    - 1) **Deuteronomy 32:40:**
    - 2) **Isaiah 57:15:**
  
  - b. **Faithful: “God is true to His promises”** – He cannot lie and is always truthful – He is Truth!
    - 1) **Deuteronomy 7:9:**
    - 2) **2 Timothy 2:13:**
  
  - c. **Holy: “God is a perfect being without sin”** – All of His ways are perfect!
    - 2) **Isaiah 57:15:**
  
  - d. **Immutable: “Never Changing”** – He is the same yesterday, today and forever!
    - 1) **Psalm 102:25-27:**
  
    - 2) **Hebrews 13:8:**
  
  - e. **Incomprehensible: “Beyond Man’s Comprehension”** – We only understand what God chooses to reveal to us.
    - 1) **Romans 11:33:**
  
  - f. **Infinite: “God is limitless”** – He knows no boundaries!
    - 1) **1 Kings 8:27:**
  
  - g. **Jealous: “God does not share”** – He alone is worthy of our allegiance!
    - 1) **Exodus 20:5:**
    - 2) **Exodus 34:14:**
  
  - h. **Just & Righteous: “God is beyond fair”** – In Him there is no injustice!
    - 1) **Deuteronomy 32:3-4:**
  
    - 2) **Psalm 89:14:**

- i. **Love: “God IS Love”** – We cannot love God or one another unless He places His love in our hearts.
  - 1) **1 John chapter 4:**
  
- j. **Omnipotent: “All Powerful”** – He needs not draw on any other source for His power!
  - 1) **Genesis 18:14:**
  - 2) **Jeremiah 32:27:**
  
- k. **Omnipresent: “Ever Present”** – He is in all places at all times!
  - 1) **Proverbs 15:3:**
  - 2) **Jeremiah 23:23-24:**
  
- l. **Omniscient: “All Knowing”** – He has perfect knowledge of all things!
  - 1) **Psalms 139:1-6:**
  
- m. **Wrathful: “God Hates and punishes all Unrighteousness”** – He will consume all that is against His Holiness!
  - 1) **Ephesians 5:6:**
  
  - 2) **Romans 1:18:**
  
- 5. What have you gleaned from this study of the character of God?

*“Jesus, Jesus, Holy and anointed One, Jesus.  
 Jesus, Jesus, risen and exalted One, Jesus  
 Your name is like honey on my lips,  
 Your Spirit like water to my soul,  
 Your Word is a lamp unto my feet,  
 Jesus I love You, I love You. ”*  
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#### **FOURTH DAY: Romans 8:28-32**

We have been looking at the human will and our willingness to walk in the Spirit – our choice as free moral agents. At **verse 28**, the focus changes to **“all God”!** Once we choose whom we will serve, we rest in Jesus, for we are mere vessels! As Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:10**, *“By the grace of God I am what I am.”*

- 1. In **Romans 8 and 9**, we see the Sovereignty of God, sovereign, meaning that God is totally, supremely and preeminently over all His creation. There is nothing in His creation that has escaped His control, knowledge or plan! After looking up the following verses, choose one and comment on how each relates to the Sovereignty of God.
  - a. **Romans 8:28-29:**

- b. **1 Corinthians 10:13:**
2. Read **Romans 8:28** and answer the following questions.
- a. What do we **KNOW**?
- b. Who is this promise for?
- c. Is this verse speaking to a non-believer?
- 1) Often, we quote this verse to others when they are going through a trial. We must be careful to whom we quote this verse! This verse is clear *that* “*all things work together for good*”, but there is a conditional clause. Read this verse below and ask your self if you fit the description.
- “And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good  
if we love God and are fitting into his plans.” (TLB)***
3. Read **Romans 8:29-30**. Verse 29 takes us from the past, and verse 30 takes us into the future! Using your study tools, look up the following words and define:
- a. ***Foreknew:***
- b. ***Predestined:***
- c. ***Called:***
4. When did God choose you according to the following verses? Either copy the verses or write them in your own words.
- a. **Ephesians 1:4-5:**
- b. **2 Timothy 1:9:**
- c. **Jeremiah 1:5:**
5. According to **Romans 8:29**, what did God predestine His children to?
6. What is the ultimate purpose of God’s calling us to Himself from **Romans 8:30**?

*“I have a Maker, He knows my name!  
Before even time began my life was in His hands”  
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7. **Romans 8:31a** asks, “*what shall we then say to these things?*” Write out your response to God!
  
8. Ask yourself the question in **Romans 8:31b**.
  - a. What is your response to God knowing that He is for you?
  
  - b. Look up **Jude 24-25** and comment!
  
  - c. We know that God is for us, but we also know that Satan is against us. Knowing who God is from our study in day two and seeing what He does for us in **Jude 24-25** ~ and knowing that Satan is a *created* being gives us comfort. How are you comforted today?
  
9. Read **Romans 8:32**. The word “*freely give*” means to give with no expectation of returning the favor. This is a picture of God’s free gift of grace! God loves you so much that He spared not His own Son but gave Him for you! We have been given all we *need* in Christ Jesus! Pastor Clark often says, “*I know I need it if I have it. If I don’t have it, I must not need it.*”
  - a. How does **Philippians 4:19** confirm his statement?
  
  - b. How about **Matthew 6:25-34**?
  
  - c. **Ephesians 1:3**:
  
  - d. Is there anything you’ve been saying, “*I need*”? Take it to the Lord in prayer ~ chances are you don’t *need* it! If there **is** a real need, let your group leader know and receive prayer!

*“Lord, look upon my need, I need You, I need You.  
 Oh Lord, have mercy now on me, I need You, I need You.”  
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**FIFTH DAY: Romans 8:33-39**

1. Prayerfully read **Romans 8:33-39**.
  
2. Paul asks three rhetorical questions, and the way the language is structured, it demands a negative answer!
  - a. In **verse 33**: “*Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?*” \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Who is our Advocate? – **Verse 33b**:
  
  - b. In **verse 34**: “*Who is He who condemns?*” \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Who is our Advocate? – **Verse 34b**:

- c. In verse 35: *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”* \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) What are some of the things Paul lists in verses 35-36?
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_
    - d. \_\_\_\_\_
    - e. \_\_\_\_\_
    - f. \_\_\_\_\_
    - g. \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Romans 8:36** is a quote from the Old Testament. Write out **Psalm 44:22** here:
4. What does **Romans 8:37** say? Fill in the blanks:  
*“Yet in \_\_\_\_\_ these things we are \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ who loved us.”*
5. Look up the word *“more than conquerors.”* Be sure to use your study tools and write the definition out! Remember, this definition is a description of you as a believer in Jesus Christ!
- a. How does this speak to you in the circumstance you may be going through?
6. How do the following verses confirm **Romans 8:37**?
- a. **1 Corinthians 15:57:**
  - b. **1 John 5:4-5:**
7. From **Romans 8:38-39**, list the things that *“cannot separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 9) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Read **Romans 8:38-39**. This passage of Scripture was used in my life in a **powerful** way. I am so thankful to God for using Paul to write this truth! When cancer hit, when accusations came, when relationships were strained, when the kids have a struggle, when death came, when sin abounded in people we love and ended in tragedy... you fill in the blank! It was when the cancer hit that God took me to this passage, and since then, I have always fallen back on the FACT that ***nothing shall be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus my Lord!*** Take some time to memorize this passage. You will find it invaluable in your life when trials come! It gives us an *eternal perspective* for our lives!

*“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39*

9. What do you **KNOW** from **Romans 8:38-39**?

*“If Christ is in you, no thing will dismay you, but by faith you will overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. You see, the devil is contending against Omnipotence! Therefore, be steadfast in resisting the evil one, be strong in faith, and give glory to God”.*  
*Charles Spurgeon “Spiritual Warfare in a Believer’s Life”*

10. After completing the study in **Romans 8**, would you say you are more in the category of “carnality ~ temporal mindset” or “spiritual ~ eternal mindset”?

a. What must take place in your life in order for you to be more spiritually minded and walk in the victory that you just studied about? Look for a Scripture to back your answer, perhaps something like **Proverbs 3:5-6**:

b. How does **Ephesians 2:5-7** show that you are to have an eternal perspective?

*“The Christian does not work up toward victory, he works down from it.  
We do not struggle toward it, but we stand in it because of the Cross and an empty tomb...  
Whatever He (the Holy Spirit) has is held in trust for us,  
to be bestowed as by faith we claim our inheritance...  
All of the Lord Jesus Christ is mine at the moment of conversion,  
but I possess only as much of Him as by faith I claim.”*  
*Alan Redpath, Victorious Christ Living.*